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19. The email of claim 12, further comprising a primary tab associated with the primary window and a secondary tab associated with the secondary window, wherein the primary and secondary tabs enable the selective display of the primary window and secondary window.

20. The software application of claim 14, wherein said processing the primary email comprises transmitting the primary email to the at least one primary recipient, and said processing the secondary email comprises transmitting the secondary email to the at least one secondary recipient.--

REMARKS

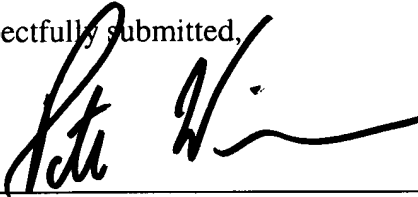
In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration in this application is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5-9, 12-14, and 16-17 have been amended and new claims 18-20 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-20 remain pending in the application, including independent claims 1, 12, and 14. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment, captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

By this Preliminary Amendment, the claims have been amended to more clearly recite the invention, and to encompass other features of the invention, in a manner that does not narrow the scope of the claims.

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In the event there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 5-9, 12-14, and 16-17 have been amended as follows:

1. A mail program comprising:
a first email having a first [primary] message [having] with at least one primary recipient;
and,
a second email having a second [secondary] message [having] with at least one secondary recipient, the [secondary message] second email associated with the first email [primary message] and processed simultaneously with the first email [primary message].

5. The mail program of claim 1, wherein the [primary] first message and the second [secondary] message are created by a sender and simultaneously transmitted by the mail program.

6. The mail program of claim 1, wherein the [primary] first message and the second [secondary] message are simultaneously received by the mail program for one of the primary recipient and the secondary recipient.

7. The mail program of claim 1, wherein the [primary message] first email and the [secondary message] second email are transmitted to each of the at least one primary recipient and the at least one secondary recipient as a single electronic mail.

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8. The mail program of claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least one secondary recipients receives the [primary] first message and the [secondary] second message.

9. The mail program of claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least one primary recipient receives the [primary] first message, but not the [secondary] second message.

12. An email [message] comprising:
a primary [message] window having a primary message with at least one primary recipient; and,
a secondary [message] window having a secondary message with at least one secondary recipient, the secondary [message] window separate from and associated with the primary [message and processed simultaneously with the primary message] window.

13. The email [message] of claim 12, wherein each of the at least one recipient(s) are different than the at least one primary recipient(s).

14. A software application having instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to execute the steps comprising the steps of:

processing a primary [message] email having at least one primary recipient; and,
processing a secondary [message] email having at least one secondary recipient, the secondary [message] email associated with the primary [message] email and processed simultaneously with the processing of the primary email [message].

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16. The software application of claim 14, wherein said processing the primary [message] email comprises generating the primary [message] email and said processing the secondary [message] email comprises generating the secondary [message] email.

17. The software application of claim 14, wherein said processing the primary [message] email comprises receiving the primary [message] email and said processing the secondary [message] email comprises receiving the secondary [message] email.

The following new claims have been added:

--18. The email of claim 12, wherein the secondary window is sent to, but not displayed to, the primary recipient.

19. The email of claim 12, further comprising a primary tab associated with the primary window and a secondary tab associated with the secondary window, wherein the primary and secondary tabs enable the selective display of the primary window and secondary window.

20. The software application of claim 14, wherein said processing the primary email comprises transmitting the primary email to the at least one primary recipient, and said processing the secondary email comprises transmitting the secondary email to the at least one secondary recipient.--